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For : AN ORAL FORMULATION FOR GASTROINTESTINAL
DRUG DELIVERY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

12. (Amended-Clean Text) An oral capsule formulation which is prepared by filling

the formulation according to claim 1 in a capsule.